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(SALT TWO-1074)

1. (ROWNY/SHCHUKIN, A-1380)

A. "TYPE" CONCEPT

SHCHUKIN, APPARENTLY BUILDING UPON
AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S GRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS OF THE US "TYPE"
CONCEPT, DREW TWO CIRCLES, LABELING ONE AS A TEST LAUNCHER AND THE
OTHER AS AN OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED LAUNCHER. HE SAID THAT A
MISSILE LAUNCHED FROM THE TEST LAUNCHER MIGHT NOT BE IDENTICAL
TO A MISSILE WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DEPLOYED IN THE OPERATIONAL
LAUNCHER. ROWNY REPLIED THAT IF THE SECOND CIRCLE REPRESENTED
A LAUNCHER WHICH WAS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE REPRESENTED BY THE
FIRST CIRCLE, THEN IT SHOULD BE ASSUMED THAT THE DEPLOYED
LAUNCHER HAD THE SAME CAPABILITY DEMONSTRATED BY THE TEST LAUNCHER.

B. DATA BASE

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AFTER AN INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ON DATA BASE DURING THEIR

BILATERAL DISCUSSION, AS THEY WERE LEAVING, SHCHUKIN DREW ROWNY ASIDE OUT OF EARSHOT OF OTHERS. SHCHUKIN THEN INFORMED ROWNY THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY CONCERNED AT THE SOVIET DELEGATION'S REJECTION OF THE DATA BASE CONCEPT. SHCHUKIN SAID THAT THEY HAD TO SAY WHAT THEY DID, AND THAT DISCUSSIONS AT A HIGHER LEVEL WOULD BRING THE TWO SIDES INTO AGREEMENT.

2. (EARLE/TRUSOV-BELETISKY, A-1383)

A. THROW-WEIGHT DEFINITION (OTHER APPROPRIATE DEVICES)
TRUSOV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALE FOR THE US PROPOSAL. THE AGREED DEFINITION OF THROW-WEIGHT DEFINES ALL THAT IS ACTUALLY INCLUDED IN THROW-WEIGHT. FURTHERMORE, ALL THE COMPONENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THROW-WEIGHT ARE CLEAR TO BOTH SIDES AS A RESULT OF EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE TERMINOLOGY. THEY SEE NO NEED TO FURTHER DEFINE OR EXPLAIN TERMS IN THAT DEFINITION. THE SOVIET SIDE HAD THOROUGHLY STUDIED THIS ISSUE BEFORE THEY REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE DEFINITION. THE US PROPOSAL HAS NOW INTRODUCED A NEW ELEMENT WHICH THE SOVIETS VIEW AS BEING DESIGNED TO SLOW THE NEGOTIATIONS AND PUT BRAKES ON THE AGREEMENT TO THIS AND OTHER DEFINITIONS.

B. HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION

TRUSOV REFERRED TO A QUESTION THAT AROSE IN THE DRAFTING WORKING GROUP AND OBSERVED THAT HE IS SOMETIMES PUZZLED BY THE QUESTIONS THAT SURFACE THERE. THE PARTICULAR QUESTION HE HAD IN MIND WAS: HOW SHALL WE UNDERSTAND THE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE SIDES WITH RESPECT TO THE HEAVY BOMBER QUESTION? THE US ASKED THE QUESTION EVEN THOUGH IT WAS THE US WHICH FIRST PROPOSED THE PHRASE ABOUT CONSULTATIONS. HE STATED THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR WHAT IT MEANS. BELETISKY ADDED THAT THE TERM "CONSULTATIONS" IS USED IN MANY OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS. TRUSOV ADDED THAT, IN THE PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THINGS CLEARER AND CLEARER BY ASKING TOO MANY QUESTIONS, WE CAN LOSE OUR WAY AND FORGET WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. JOHNSON

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